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[Despatch Abstract.]

Town Planning - Allotment of subject among the Hon'ble Ministers - Papers recorded -

Education and P;H. (Spl) Department

NOTE FOR THE CABINET.

Subject: Ministry of Houseing and Town Planning.

The Health Survey and Development Committee has made detailed suggestions concerning town and village planning and housing as in the Committee's opinion problems relating to these subjects require selution in the campaign for the improvement of Man's physical enviremment and for the promotion of his health. These suggestions have been dealt with separately.

2. One of the suggestions of the Committee is that a Ministry of Housing and Town and Village planning should be established in each province, as only in this way can bhe subject receive the attention which it demands.

There is no separate Minister for Town Planning in this Province. Under the existing arrangements the subject is alloted to the Education and Public Health Department and the Hon'ble Minister for Public Health, the files on the subject being circulated also to Hon'ble the Minister for Local Administration before orders are issued on them. The Development department and the Hon'ble the Minister for Prohibition Heal with cooperative housing schemes. In dealing with the Bhore Committee's suggestion for a separate Minister of Town and Villave planning, the Education and Public Health Department have observed that there is no sufficient justification for having a separate Minister for Housing and Town Planning, but that, as Town-Planning and Housing are a vital part of health activities, Housing should be dealt with by the Minister for Public Health. The Development Department,,have on the oth-er hand, expressed the opinion that the Hon'ble Minister for Prohibition now deals with housing schemes, which are mainly cooperative in character, that the bulk of the connected work is cooperative, the Public Health aspect coming in only in respect of the selection of sites, provision of water supply and drainage facilities etc. The former Chief Secretary, Mr. Scott Brown, has expressed the opinion that the balance of advantage is in "transferring Town Planning to the Minister who does Housing".

3. The hon'ble Minister for Local Administration has minuted as hereunder: "No separate Minister for Twon Planning and Housing is necessary. Town Planning and Housing and Public Health are inter related and connected each other they should be under one Minister. Minister for Public Health may deal with the above subjects in the interest of efficiency and speedy disposal of the work.

K.Chandramouli - 25-8-47

The Hon'ble Minister for Public Health Minuted as follows:

"This may be considered at a meeting of the Ministers. I don't wish to take up any further work".

A.B. Bhetty - 10-9-47

O.P. Ramaswami Reddiar -- 16-10-47
H.P.M

4. The questions for consideration are:-

(a) whether the view that no separate Minister is necessary for Town Planning and Housing will be accepted, and

(b) whether any redistribution of subjects - Town Planning and Housing - between Education and Public Health Department and Development Department and the Hon'ble Ministers H.M.(P.H) and H.M.(Prohibition should be made; OR

(c) whether the existing arrangements may be allowed to continue.

C.O. Coorey,
Joint Secretary to Government

Meeting of the Council of Ministers held at Fort St.George on Monday the 10th November 1947.

The Hon'ble the Prime Minister Presided.

PPRESENT:

The Hon'ble Dr.P.Subbarayan.
The Hon'ble Dr.T.S.S.Rajan.
The Hon'ble Sri M. Bhaktavathsalam.
The Hon'ble Sri B.Gopala Reddi.
The Hon'ble Sri H. Sitarama Reddi.
The Hon'ble Sri T.S.Avanashilingam.
The Hon'ble Sri K.Madhava Menon.
The Hon'ble Sri Kala Venkata Rao.
The Hon'ble Sri A.B.Shetty.
The Hon'ble Sri V.Kurmayya.
The Hon'ble Sri Daniel Thomas.

Agenda:-

Ministry of Housing and Town Planning - Establishment.

ORDER:-

It was decided that the existing arrangements under ~~which~~ Town Planning is dealt with by H.M., Public Health ~~H.M.~~, Public Files relating to housing also may be circulation will continue Health. Circulation to H.M., Local Planning may be circulated as at present. Files relating to H.M., Prohibition &c.

sd. O.P.Ramasamy Reddiar.

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Before the papers are recorded in E & P.H., Public see the the case. They may issue instructions revising those contained in their U.O. Note of the 23rd January 1947 - L.A. may also see.

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Public (Spl.) Department.

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Please see from p. 15 ante. Necessary extracts have been taken for separate action in this department. The file may be returned to E & P.H.

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Education and Public Health

The papers may now be recorded.

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